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Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

[X] Response to Restriction Requirement

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is responsive to the restriction requirement mailed on September 10, 2002. Applicants elect Group I, claims 10-12, 16-18 and 57-58, for prosecution with traverse.

Remarks

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the basis that no additional burden would be placed on the Examiner to search and examine the claims in Groups III in addition to those in elected Group I.

The Examiner notes that the methods of Groups I and III are related in that they each require the use of an antibody as the agent that selectively cross-links biliary glycoprotein polypeptides, and that the endpoints of the methods are the same. The Examiner then states that differences between the methods of Groups I and III are that Group I methods are in vivo methods and Group III methods are in vitro methods. Applicants agree that this is the only